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Persecution

NEWSPAPER publishers fight Child Labor amendment as an attack on freedom of the press—because it might keep kids off the streets peddling their papers. Union conditions, wage raises, job security, etc obtained by the American Newspaper Guild in many gallant struggles, also are fought as attacks on “freedom of the press.” Now comes the mighty NYDaily News (the biggest circulation in the world) with another yell about freedom of the press—this time because it is asked to do its little bit in line with the defense program.

“We have recently been notified that the News will have to use 5 per cent less gasoline in October, 1941, than in October, 1940,” says a leading editorial Oct 9. . . . “If this order stands, we shall have to print either fewer papers or smaller papers. . . . So this order is an indirect attack on freedom of the press.”

Detroit vs Lindbergh

THE following resolution was passed by Greater Detroit and Wayne County CIO Industrial Council:

“The security of our county and the free existence of the trade union movement depends largely upon the national equality, religious tolerance and full rights for all groups of national minorities.

“Charles Lindbergh . . . viciously attacked the Jewish people in an attempt to organize disunity and prevent a unified struggle of the American people against Hitlerism. The America First Comm and its spokesmen, Nye, Wheeler, Hoover and Clark, have failed to repudiate publicly this anti-Semitic attack and have defended Lindbergh in his efforts to corrupt the American people. . . . The . . . Council unequivocally condemns the America First Comm as a pro-Nazi group. . . .”

Lindbergh and Negroes

AN interesting sidelight on Lindbergh is furnished by J Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of Negro Elks. In a pamphlet, “The Colored Elks and National Defense” now published, Mr Wilson inserts his speech at the National Baptist Convention in which he said:

“We colored people can see clear through Lindbergh and all his kind. I remember well when a fine young colored man, James Allen, a member of our organization, found his dead child in the NJ woods. Lindbergh didn't lift a finger to give even decent recognition to what Brother Allen had done. What is worse, he deliberately had Allen fired from a circus where he had gotten a job because he had no money and was trying to support his wife and a large family. That's

America First “Splendid,” Nye Writes to In Fact; Committee's Fascist, Anti-Semite Ties Revealed

WE HAVE received quite a number of letters recently from readers who ask “Why do you refer to the America First Comm as Fascist or pro-Fascist?” and we are devoting most of this issue to answering that question. Actually, the answer has already been given, in an impressive mass of evidence piled up by various investigations, and widely published. But IN FACT realizes that many people are sympathetic to the professed anti-war aims of America First who would be dead against it if they realized what AF really stands for, by virtue of its undercover connections, its methods and its big supporters. To enlighten these people, who either have missed or did not pay enough attention to the various exposes of America First, this material is presented.

One of the first pieces of direct, open evidence that America First was linking itself to Fascist, anti-Semitic outfits, was the publication by Coughlin's Social Justice of two letters, one from Gen R E Wood, who runs America First, and another from Mrs Lulu Wheeler, wife of the Senator who next to Charles Lindbergh is chief AF spokesman. Gen Wood wrote:

“Replying to your letter of July 5th, I have not rejected the Christian Social Justice movement. I welcome their support in our common objective—preventing this country from getting into the war.”

Mrs Wheeler wrote:

“I am afraid you are a victim of newspaper propaganda, because there never has been any discrimination against Father Coughlin's followers or against any other religious body as far as America First is concerned.”

Nobody doubts—and Father Coughlin does not deny—that he is a Fascist. Social Justice reeks with anti-Semitism on every page. It is anti-labor, anti-democracy. Yet the head of America First welcomes Coughlin's support.

Another known Fascist—not by IN FACT's designation, but as a matter of common knowledge—is Merwin K Hart, who heads the NY State Economic Council, a bitter foe of labor. Hart has been denounced by Sec'y Harold Ickes as an American Quisling, and included by Supreme Court Justice Jackson among the five leading Fascists in America. Yet in a letter, made public by Rev L M Birkhead, chairman Friends of Democracy, the America First leaders, writing to Hart, declared “it is imperative that we work together”—secretly, they told him, since it was not wise for him to establish a branch openly, in view of his Fascist reputation.

These are the kind of things that justify IN FACT in branding the America First committee as Fascist—in method, in connections, in ultimate purpose.

Senator Nye's Liberal Background

Of the three leading speakers for America First, Charles Lindbergh, Sen Wheeler and Sen Nye, the first two are according to any definition, followers of the Fascist ideology. But Senator Nye has a long record of fighting for the public welfare, i e, fighting native Fascist ideas and elements in America, which is a much braver thing than making speeches against Hitler and Mussolini, far away.

Notably in the Munitions hearings Senator Nye, who could have suppressed this part of the testimony, made it a point to emphasize the following facts:

That the DuPonts made a deal with Hitler and Japan, aided them.

That Curtiss-Wright, Pratt & Whitney, others, helped Hitler with airplanes at a time this action violated international law.

That the reason America went into the First World War was not to make the world safe for democracy, inasmuch as two imperialist land-grabbing, commerce-grabbing alliances were engaged in a war for money; the reason was to preserve the financial setup in America which had been endangered by J P Morgan & Co (incidentally Episcopalians) and fellow bankers (99% non-Jews).

Moreover, when the NYTimes published news stories and editorials saying that Nye had absolved Morgan, a total falsehood, Nye in a public speech reiterated his charge that the financial setup headed by Morgan was responsible for our part in the war and that the Times falsified.

To attack the biggest newspaper, the biggest banker and even the financial

setup of America required phenomenal courage. Probably not a half dozen men in public life, depending for their political future on the support of big business, money and the press would have done what Nye did. Knowing of this record, IN FACT has always been willing to give Senator Nye every benefit of the doubt regarding his present affiliation with native Fascism.

Charge Against Nye: Nye Replies to In Fact

IN FACT reported (Aug 25) that Sen Nye's St Louis speech had been accepted by the audience, mostly German Bundists and Coughlinites, as well as a minority of sincere pacifists, as anti-Semitic and that race hatred had been encouraged by Nye's listing of Jewish-sounding names as controlling the movies. (In fact Zannuck and others named are Christians.)

Sen Nye wrote a reply to IN FACT, which was published. He denied anti-Semitism, reaffirmed his stand against the most powerful banker in the country, Morgan. But one result of this publication has been accusations that this editor favored America First. IN FACT is now able to produce further light on the controversy with the following exchange of letters.

Sept 22 1941

My dear Senator Nye:

One result of my publication of your statement in my August 25 issue was a flood of letters attacking me for defending you and your stand, and accusing my publication of fostering the anti-Semitism of the America First Comm. I have replied to all my subscribers telling them that so far as I could find out—and I consulted a mutual friend, you were not an anti-Semite, and that you would have no dealings with any anti-Semites.

Since then I have been receiving considerable evidence regarding Senator Wheeler and other leaders of America First. I cannot make out whether the anti-Semites, Bundists and Christian Front hoodlums are trying to take over America First, or if America First invites all support against intervention, including these elements. It is clearer daily that Lindbergh is a first class Fascist, and I am shocked to find you supporting him. I also cannot understand why the movie investigation did not go to the root of all evil, the money of Wall St which owns and directs the policy of all pictures. The Committee made the investigation a forum for hatred and falsehood, although many members knew the facts. Sincerely yours, GEORGE SELDES

Senator Nye replied as follows:

My dear George:

September 29 1941

Sometimes I wonder if perchance I am looking through glasses that portray a different set of facts than are actually true. It is most difficult for me to understand why you do not seem to see clearly how the interventionists have taken my St Louis speech and Lindbergh's Des Moines speech as clubs to use in destroying the united front of non-intervention which centers in the America First Committee. It will be recorded in a lasting way that the attack started before Lindbergh spoke at Des Moines—the attack started with my St. Louis moving-picture speech in which there was no Jewish reference, and has been whipped by the interventionists, and especially by Willkie, ever since the weeks before Lindbergh ever spoke.

Frankly, I am terribly displeased that friends like you would not understand how very foreign to my make-up is racial or religious prejudice. It is sickening to observe how eager the Jewish people themselves are to believe those who have moved with the smear stick of anti-Semitism, but I wonder if it isn't all in keeping with plans long laid. Let me urge you to get a copy of Propaganda in the Next War by Sidney Rogerson which was published in 1938 by Geoffrey Bles in London. This was one book in a series edited by Capt Liddell Hart. A reading of it reveals how in 1938 these British minds were planning for the propaganda that would engulf us again in Europe's wars. In this book you will find reference to the manner in which they hoped to be able to use the movies, and you will find here direct evidence of their plan to invite and win the backing of the Jewish people in the United States as a class. I am enclosing, herewith, reprint from the Congressional Record of a chapter from this book which I inserted with remarks in the Congressional Record on April 25 1939.

Please don't ask me to become a party to any cause that would break up this splendid America First Committee. That is precisely what I would do if I were to take certain cues and attack Lindbergh. Frankly, I think he made an error in speaking as directly as he did at Des Moines, but he spoke no untruths there and he did not resort to any anti-Semitic spirit as some would have us believe. You just don't know Lindbergh if you conclude that he entertains any Fascist sympathies. I have had many hours with this young man and I know what I am talking about.

Don't be alarmed about the absence as yet of a tracing by the movie-picture investigation of actual ownership and influence by the banking fraternity.

Sincerely yours, GERALD P NYE.

The Facts Refute Senator Nye

If Senator Nye is sincere in this letter, and not using the Hitler-Coughlin-Lindbergh-Wheeler technique of smearing, then he is not facing the facts. The facts are:

1) In his St Louis speech he ran off a list of names which sounded "Jewish" as movie owners, although it later developed that one was a Catholic, another a Protestant. The shouts against the Jews in the St Louis hall were audible over every radio in the country as they were in Connecticut.

2) Nye used the term "international bankers" which Coughlin and Wheeler also use, both having borrowed the term from Hitler. The bankers in the movies are 75% or 85% Christians. Sen Wheeler as exposed by IN FACT (March 24) also blasted "the international bankers, the Rothschilds, Warburgs, Sassoons...." He later said he had no anti-Semitic intentions, that he thought the Sassoons were Christians. The facts again are that the international bankers are Christians, Jews, Mohammedans, Christian Scientists and Holy Rollers, and so far as World War I, the movies etc are concerned, the majority are non-Jewish.

3) Lindbergh is a Fascist because he and his wife have written the same falsehoods about race and color which Hitler invented and which are scientifically lies. Lindbergh has also smeared the Jews, which is a Fascist propaganda technique. Lindbergh is an excellent aviator, but as every newspaper man who has ever had any dealings with him knows, an economic and social and political illiterate, a hoodlum-minded person influenced by his wife's background, the Nazis, and others.

all I ever heard of Lindbergh's relations to my people. He has done his best to bar the door of hope to the colored brother, and to keep thumbs down on Allen who found his baby. . . .

"Col Lindbergh displayed his fine Italian hand when he grabbed the opportunity after the President's defense speech Sept 11 to speak out against the Jewish people. When he did this he proved himself to be an enemy of all oppressed people, including our own colored people, who are the farthest down."

Cost of Living

BY the phrase "cost of living has increased 20% by manufacturers, landlords, etc" in Sept 8 issue was meant some manufacturers, some landlords; it was not intended to say the cost of living has gone up 20%, or that average retail prices were up 20%. The cost of living for wage earners and lower-salaried employees in large cities has gone up 7.5% since Aug 1939, Labor Research Ass'n points out; wholesale prices are up 22% and a group of sensitive commodities have risen as much as 57% wholesale. Unless price-control becomes effective entire cost of living for "retail consumer" will go up 20% eventually.

Economic Notes, Oct 1941, confirms IN FACT report retail prices "while rising alarmingly have not yet fully reflected the rise in wholesale prices" in other words, the worst is yet to come. EN's figures taken from US Dep't of Labor:

Wholesale commodity prices of 28 basic items, up 57%.

General level wholesale prices (900 commodities) up 22%.

Wholesale food prices up over 47%.

Retail food prices up over 15%. (NY Markets Dep't puts rise at 25 to 33 1/2%)

General cost of living up 7 1/2%.

Department store articles at retail, reported by Fairchild Publications, up nearly 15%. Sharply rising trend in near future is indicated. EN concludes: "reactionary business interests are opposing the proposed price control bill. . . . Wall St expects Congress to pull the teeth from the bill . . . the anti-labor press is agitating for a tie-up between price control and wage control, hoping thereby to freeze wages . . . consumer organizations criticize price-control bill for failure to give consumers an adequate voice in determining price ceilings."

Business Profits Zoom

NET profits of 808 industrial, commercial and public utility companies in the first half of 1941 were 33% above the same period last year; Department of Labor reports in its latest labor information bulletin.

Profits of these companies were nearly 4 times as large this year as in 1938, about 13% greater than during the first 6 months of the boom year of 1937.

"Practically all groups of industries reported larger profits in the first half of 1941," the bulletin said. "Nineteen textile and apparel companies, included in the sample compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York City, doubled, and 6 rubber and tire companies and 8 heating and plumbing firms almost doubled their last year's earnings."

"Other large profit increases were registered in iron and steel, electrical equipment, auto parts and accessories and aircraft manufacturing."

"Class I railroads had a net income of

approximately \$170,000,000 in the first 6 months of this year as against a deficit of \$9,100,000 in the comparable period of 1940."

Oxford Group Nazis

THE Oxford Group (Buchmanites, Moral Re-Armament movement) was exposed in exclusive stories in IN FACT Dec 30 1940 and subsequently. The documentary evidence showed Dr. Frank Buchman as endorsing Hitler and Mussolini, leading the British Hitlerites in appeasement and engaging in anti-labor activities in the USA. The House of Parliament record was quoted wherein A P Herbert charged Buchman with "obtaining money by false pretenses." Herbert used the terms "entire dishonesty" and "canting cheats" (Hansard, June 13, 1939).

In America Dr Buchman obtained the support of notable manufacturers exploiting labor, movie moguls, pro-Nazis. In one of his propaganda booklets he quotes Daniel Tobin and David Dubinsky as endorsing his movement. When IN FACT wrote Tobin and Dubinsky, who are labor leaders, to confirm or deny endorsement of anti-labor pro-Hitler Buchmanism, both refused to reply.

Now over Columbia network London correspondent Larry Lesueur says (Oct 8) that Oxford Groupers asked to be exempted wholesale from the draft but that Labor Minister Bevin refused. One hundred and 70 members of Parliament favored exemption but Herbert attacked Buchmanites as "Fascist-like and their evangelists Nazi-like." Herbert challenged Buchman to deny his endorsement of Hitler. "Mr Herbert," continued Lesueur, "charged that Dr Buchman was no friend of England and that his record showed a tendency toward flabbiness and Fascism." A letter was quoted from a Buchmanite suggesting "it was God's will that Hitler should conquer."

Defending the Buchmanites, Lord Saulsbury said that drafting them would "have an unfortunate effect . . .; that President Roosevelt was interested in the work." The fact is that when Buchman opened his Hollywood Bowl drive he received endorsements from notables including Roosevelt. Few then knew Buchman himself had endorsed Hitler.

Newsdealers Strike

ORDINARILY a strike affecting the buying habits of perhaps 500,000 persons is front-page news, but New Yorkers had to search their papers last week for explanations of why over 800 of the city's biggest newsstands were boycotting the city's eight major newspapers. The newsdealers' strike was more solid than ever after 5 days, the publishers taking terrific circulation cuts. On midtown corners boys were hired to sell papers, surrounded by husky route men, guarded

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4) The book on propaganda which Nye treats as if it were a holy bible, is a book (by two men who are not officials) which suggests a propaganda technique similar to that Hitler has used and which they say the US should use and which Britain probably has used. On movies it says: "In the realm of the moving-picture we may be able to depend on the natural bias of the US film manufacturers in favor of Great Britain as opposed to Germany, Japan and Italy, and on their command of the machinery of international film distributions. This will be an asset both with the stock entertainment picture and the news reels." The important facts about the movies, given in IN FACT Aug 25, are that they are run for money and have made pro-Fascist films for money, dealt with Mussolini, been censored by money, and are out for money. The censorship has been totally Roman Catholic except where Mussolini intervened and occasionally the German Consul in Los Angeles. The movie czar, Hays, is a Protestant. The majority of producers but only about a third of executives are Jewish. The final control is in the Chase National Bank, J P Morgan, Odlum's Atlas Corp, all non-Jewish. The sole motive of the movies is profit.

5) The book Nye depends on for the anti-Semitic innuendo which is apparent in his letter to IN FACT, boasts of the fact that the British fooled the Jewish people in 1914 with a promise of a national home in Palestine. The Balfour Declaration was broken when the Arabs protested. The book urges "a clear-cut policy in Palestine, and of our intention, if victorious, to put an end to anti-Semitic persecutions; and of the Roman Catholic community in similar terms." In other words, it is the opinion of two British writers that promises should be made to everyone, Jews, Catholics, suppressed minorities everywhere. Every Democratic and Republican politician in America, including no doubt Senator Nye in his election speeches, does exactly the same.

6) Sen Nye says the investigation of the financial control of the movies will come eventually. This does not excuse the vicious handling of the probe by Clarke, Nye and Wheeler, who instead of trying for facts, made the inquiry a soapbox for native Fascisti and gossipers.

America First Injects Religious Hatred

The Pope, through his official organ, Osservatore Romano, has denounced the fomenting of hatred in the press. Answering specifically a smalltown Italian paper urging hatred "because today to hate is a duty," the papal voice replied: "To bring out supreme sacrifices and all that is good and great there is no need to foment hatred, which poisons the spirit and deadens the generosity of heroism. Manifestations of hatred must be deplored as must be the obstinate mania for amalgamating anti-Christian principles and feeling with the Christian faith."

The chief publication fomenting hatred in America (anti-Semitic at all times, anti-labor frequently, and a long campaign against the CIO when Ford was fighting unions) is Coughlin's Social Justice. Next is Patrick Scanlan's Brooklyn Tablet. The latter is the official organ of the Brooklyn Catholic diocese, largest in the world. Although a Vatican statement some years ago has been accepted as disavowing Coughlin's hate-mongering, these two publications, unlike the Italian, were never named or condemned. Perhaps they will be soon.

Next to Coughlin and Scanlan (who has the support of Father Curran) the American spokesman for the Catholic Church who has created more controversy, is Monsignor Fulton J Sheen, Papal Chamberlain and Domestic Prelate, known to millions as speaker of the Catholic Hour, National Broadcasting System. Liberal education advocates, labor unions, Protestant publications and preachers, have carried on a ceaseless war with Mgr Sheen's proposals. Here is what the editor of Protestant Digest says in its current issue:

"I listen again to Monsignor Sheen and I am compelled to recognize in him a far more dangerous, because more subtle Fascist voice, than Father Coughlin. He attacks our educational system. He advocates church instruction in our state schools, one of the most dangerous (because apparently innocent) of Fascist divisive tactics, making the school an administrative bridge between State and Church. Sometimes he is reckless as when he attacks Russia for having atheized 160 million people (the vast majority of Russians are still religious—Ed, Protestant Digest) and for being 'the enemy of the world preparing to weep over it like a vulture to drink its blood.' (This 'enemy' is spilling rivers of its own blood to save the world.—Ed, Protestant Digest.) But usually he is cleverly insinuating, as in the following: 'Who is the enemy from within? It is he who teaches that freedom of speech, habeas corpus, freedom of the press, and freedom of education constitute the essence of democracy.' They do not. They are merely the accompaniment and safeguards of democracy. America could tomorrow vote itself out of democracy.' (Broadcast Feb 16 1941). Here he uses the truth to tell an untruth. For listen to his account of our democratic state and its democratic education:

"What Hitler hands out in concentrated form, we sell in bulk. What he sells wholesale, we sell retail. . . . What Hitler has done is to push to a logical extreme the very errors which we have kept within the four walls of the class rooms and between the covers of text books. . . ."

On Oct 3 1941 a quotation from Mgr Sheen was used by America First in a large ad injecting the religious issue in the question of whether or not America should help Britain, China and Russia in fighting Hitlerism. Fight for Freedom countered with an ad quoting following leading Catholics: Most Rev James A

Griffin, bishop of Springfield; Most Rev Joseph P Hurley and Supreme Court Justice Murphy. Fight for Freedom said:

"In Des Moines, Iowa, Chas A Lindbergh tried to scare Americans of Jewish descent from supporting the fight against Hitlerism. Now the Axis Firsters are trying to scare Americans of the Catholic faith. Few will be influenced by the red herring school of strategy."

(Editorial note: Coughlin, Scanlan, Curran, Mgr. Sheen and other spokesmen who publish magazines and speak over the radio give the American people the impression that the Catholic leaders are reactionary and Fascist. These spokesmen are. But to counteract them there is Monsignor Ryan, who exposed Coughlin as a purveyor of forgery and falsehood in the liberal Catholic weekly The Commonweal, Dec 30 1938, and Father Boland of the NY Labor Board, Father Haas and other pro-labor priests. There are pro-Fascist and anti-Fascist forces in all churches, a fact which must be recognized and which if recognized would work against the spread of racial and religious hatred of the Coughlin-Ku-Klux-Lindbergh-America First-Winrod-etc. type.)

Labor, Liberals, Denounce Lindbergh

One of the great tragedies of our times is the case of Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr, son of a man whom the newspapers called "a red hot radical," a "Bolshevik," a "socialist," "a dangerous red," and "a traitor to the Republican Party" when he ran for governor of Minn on the Farmer-Labor ticket in 1923. In 1916 he introduced a resolution in Congress to investigate "this inhuman and senseless war now raging." He also asked for an investigation of the "Money Trust," he denounced J P Morgan, whose partner's daughter his son was to marry, and he said "I am an enemy of Wall St." Lindbergh Sr was a brilliant man who saw clearly.

Lindbergh Jr was used by Dwight Morrow and J P Morgan & Co in his "goodwill flight" to Mexico to make an oil, copper and silver settlement benefitting the American corporations. After he married Morrow's daughter young Lindbergh began taking on his wife's political complexion which is very much the Hitler line. Lindbergh's visit to the Nazis resulted in his joining the Cliveden Set of Britain which favored appeasing the Nazis.

Today most liberal-labor-progressive organizations in America denounce Lindbergh Jr (just as 20 years ago they endorsed Lindbergh Sr).

The difference between the attack on Lindbergh Sr and Lindbergh Jr is simply this: in 1917 to 1923 it was the reactionary or native Fascist elements which fought Lindbergh Sr, in 1941 the tables are turned, and the liberal elements such as labor, are the ones fighting Lindbergh Jr because he is on the side of his father's enemies.

Lindbergh, whom America First has refused to disown, showed himself anti-Semitic in his Des Moines speech in which he said that "the British, Jewish and Administration groups" are the only important interventionists in America, that "the greatest danger to this country lies in the large Jewish ownership and influence in our motion pictures, our press, our radio, and our government."

At the same time the Nazi propaganda bureau was issuing similar propaganda. IN FACT has received from a newspaperman in Columbia Broadcasting System short wave dep't the following transcript of German propaganda:

CBS—41 Attention, CBS Short Wave News Department

Transmitted herewith is an excerpt from the text of a Berlin short wave broadcast to South America tonight. The announcer, Don Juan, quoted the final paragraphs from the America First Committee piece in last Tuesday's N Y News, then continued:

"Certainly, my friends, this is a voice of nonconfidence as never in history any North American president has received. . . .

"It is difficult, my friends, to see how the North American people in general can know all the powerful forces which are working in the US toward direct participation in the war.

"There are too many prominent Jews in powerful circles in the Gov't. There are too many Jews who control the North American radio and the North American press. There are too many Jews who work in the US as newspapermen, as commentators and as propagandists. And as the Jews naturally (hate) Hitler, they do all in their power to propagate war against Germany."

This piece of Nazi propaganda is a typical Nazi falsehood. Lindbergh used exactly the same stuff.

by police, picketed by members of Newsdealers Federal Labor Union, AFL.

The newsdealers are on strike against "bulldozing," a chiseling system by which they are compelled to take more papers than they can sell, under threat of being cut off. They pay \$2.35 for 100 papers selling at \$3, and unsold copies are redeemed at \$1.50, representing a loss of 85 cents to the dealer. The Scripps-Howard World-Telegram touched off the situation by cutting off two union newsdealers. After several days of spontaneous spreading, the strike was made official at a meeting of over 500 dealers. Since the union received its AFL charter in June 1940 it has organized two-thirds of the 2,000 dealers in the city. The strike is on against the Times, World-Telegram, Sun, Post, News, Mirror, Journal-American and Herald Tribune.

Says Movies Falsify History

NELL BROWN GROVES, granddaughter of John Brown, has filed a \$1,320,000 damage suit against Warner Bros over the picture "Santa Fe Trail," based on John Brown's life. She alleged the picture presented John Brown as a ruthless murderer while she, other descendants and most Americans consider him a hero.

The fact is that the Hollywood movies almost without exception falsify American history whenever they make a "historical" picture fit the box office demands for profits.

Editor's Confession

THERE is no such thing in America as an independent press, unless it is in the country towns. You know it and I know it.

There is not one of you who dares express an honest opinion. If you express an honest opinion you know beforehand it would never appear in print.

I am paid \$150 per week for keeping my honest opinions out of the paper I am connected with. Others of you are paid similar salaries for doing similar things. If I should permit honest opinions to be printed in one issue of my paper, like Othello, before 24 hours, my occupation would be gone.

The business of the NY journalist is to destroy the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to villify, to fawn at the feet of Mammon, and to sell his race and his country for his daily bread.

We are the tools and the vassals of rich men behind the scenes.

We are intellectual prostitutes.

(From an address, "The Independent Press," by John Swinton, editor, The NY Tribune, before the NY Press Ass'n, many years ago.)

A CHALLENGE!

Last week George Seldes frankly stated that IN FACT must double its circulation immediately or raise the subscription price. This statement was not rhetoric. It was a CHALLENGE to the IN FACT subscribers, Winter Soldiers and friends who have made IN FACT the success it is so far. 25,000 subscriptions are needed in the next four weeks. It must be done. It can be done . . . and only YOU can do it. [A few copies of volume two bound (Nos. 14-26) are still available for \$2.00 each. Write in for your copy now.]

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